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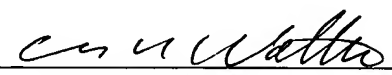
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Sir:

It is hereby requested that the above-identified application be expressly abandoned.

Respectfully submitted,

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